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Journal, has served the Agronomy, Soils, and Crops Societies in various capacities, and has been honored with several awards from professional societies and USU Extension.

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Dr. Matt Yost is a native of southern Idaho where he was raised on a dairy farm. After completing his PhD in Applied Plant Science at the University of Minnesota, he spent 4 years doing postdoctoral research in the Midwestern United States. He is currently an associate professor, associate department head, interim associate dean of research for CAAS, and Agroclimate Extension specialist at Utah State University. His research and extension efforts focus on water optimization in agriculture, soil health, precision agriculture, and adaptive nutrient management. He also directs USU crops – a team of 25 Extension faculty conducting coordinated research and outreach that educates and assists thousands of stakeholders each year. He has mentored many graduate students who have been integral to conducting hundreds of on-farm research trials, and publishing 63 peer-reviewed journal articles, 50 Extension articles, and over 250 proceedings/abstracts/articles. Dr. Yost and his students have presented their research in over 225 Extension-related meetings. Their collaborative research has also garnered over \$17 million in grant and contract funding. He is currently an associate editor for Agronomy